

CHANGING NAME OF THE STEAMBOAT-INSPECTION SERVICE TO MARINE INSPECTION SERVICE.

JANUARY 28, 1916.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on the Merchant Marine
and Fisheries, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4784.]

The Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4784) to provide for a change in the designation of the Steamboat-Inspection Service, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report it to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

The advisability of this legislation is set forth in the following communication from Hon. William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, December 20, 1915.

MY DEAR JUDGE ALEXANDER: I am in receipt of yours of the 17th instant, asking me to please give the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries my opinion with reference to H. R. 4784, and the wisdom of enacting the same into law.

This bill has my unqualified indorsement, and I sincerely hope that it will be enacted into law.

At the time of the formation of the Steamboat-Inspection Service the designation was proper, as it covered only such vessels. Since that time various changes have, however, occurred, and now the service has jurisdiction over vessels other than those propelled by steam. I feel that the service should be so designated as to include all vessels now subject to its jurisdiction, and am of the opinion that the designation as provided in the proposed bill does so.

Yours, very truly,

WILLIAM C. REDFIELD, *Secretary.*

Hon. J. W. ALEXANDER,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.



